

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Jesus as Spirit-bearer and Spirit-giver

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.** ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16–17

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee **in the power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ **"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,**
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹ and he began by saying to them, **"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."** Luke 4:14–20



³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and **gave up his spirit.** John 19:30

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that **he breathed on them** and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit."** John 20:21–22

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were

filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1–4



Pneuma / Ruach / Breath / Wind / Spirit

Comforter / Guide / Advocate / Helper / Paraclete

The Job Description of the Holy Spirit

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”^{xii}

³ Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and **no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.** 1 Corinthians 12:3

The Fruit and the Gifts of the Spirit

²² But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:22–25



⁴ **There are different kinds of gifts,** but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are

the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, **just as he determines.**

¹² **The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts;** and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all **baptized by one Spirit into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are **many parts, but one body.** 1 Corinthians 12:4–20

What do you do if you are lacking fruit?

How do you respond to, “If you don’t have gift X, you must not be a Christian?”

I believe in the holy Christian Church

Visible and Invisible

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven . . .” Matthew 7:21

“I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind . . .” Jeremiah 17:10

Holy Saints (and Stinking Sinners)

. . . **Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her** ²⁶ **to make her holy**, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:26–27



²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ **What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?** ²⁵ Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:21–25

Strangers in a Strange Land

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**” John 16:33

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for **they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.** ¹⁵ My prayer is **not that you take them out of the world** but that you protect them from the evil one.” John 17:13–15

⁹ But you are **a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as **aliens and strangers in the world**, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:9–12





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Country



Family

Get In

Purpose

Unity

Expectations

Relationships

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